



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: Daniel E. E. Hayes, Jr. et al.
Serial No.: 10/721,830
Filing Date: 11/25/2003
Title: BIMETAL TIBIAL COMPONENT CONSTRUCT FOR
KNEE JOINT PROSTHESIS
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Suzette Jaime Jackson
Attorney's Docket No.: HAYES-3 CON

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed on June 20, 2005 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from September 20, 2005 to October 20, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$ 60.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

Thank you.

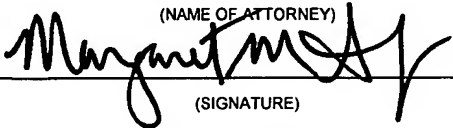
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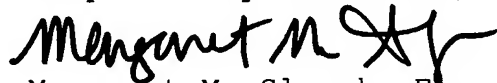


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Respectfully submitted,



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